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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : National Imaging Plan for Satellites (NIPS)

1. In accordance with your request, I intend to play a more direct and active role in monitoring the input to the NIPS and preparing the basic plan draft.

2. Attachment A is a draft outline which will illustrate the plan of general organization. The approach is more traditional and data oriented as compared with the SIGINT Plan. The NIPS will be three plans in one; (a) A Current Capabilities Plan, (b) A Mid-Term Objectives Plan, and (c) A Long-Range Perspectives Plan. Each of these pieces will be attachments with annexes in the final draft. In work terms they will be done first followed by the main paper which, for the most part, will be a detailed integrative treatment of the attachments. The first task will be to expand the outlines in the three basic attachments.

3. As we sit now, NRO is doing its thing on Collection, COMIREX on Requirements and Exploitation and [REDACTED] on Dissemination. However, the time has come to give a little more direction to the plan and provide for a small work force in the "let's get it together phase."

4. I shall try to do this informally working with the NRO people, [REDACTED] the COMIREX people, and [REDACTED]. My instincts tell me that we need a small full-time working group, but I shall talk to [REDACTED] and see if we cannot do the drafting job between us with the help we can beg, borrow, or steal from the above mentioned.

5. With your approval, I intend to advertise to all and sundry that this will be our approach and overall plan outline. The second attachment to this paper is a meeting I am setting up to get things going. You will note I have also decorated myself with a new NIPS title, which says, "see me if you have a problem."

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NIPS DRAFT OUTLINE

i. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose and Scope
- B. Concept of the Plan
- C. Preparation and Review
- D. Evaluation and Feedback

II. NATIONAL IMAGERY STRATEGY AND PLANNING

- A. The Overview and General Strategy
- B. Current Capabilities and Operational Planning 1975-1976
- C. Objectives Planning in the Mid-Term 1976-1981
- D. Long-Range Perspective and Estimate 1980-1990

ATTACHMENT A--The Current Capabilities Plan 1975-1976

Annex A--Requirements

Annex B--Collection

Annex C--Exploitation

Annex D--Dissemination

Annex E--Programs and Costs

ATTACHMENT B--The Mid-Term Objectives Plan

Annex A--Requirements

1. Substantive
2. Imagery
3. Target Environment

Annex B--Collection

Annex C--Exploitation

Annex D--Dissemination

Annex E--Problems, Options and Fiscal Implications

ATTACHMENT C--The Long-Range Perspectives and Estimate 1980-1990

Annex A--Perspectives

Annex B--Technology

Annex C--Information Handling and Intelligence Interfaces

Annex D--Management Needs

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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1. [] has approved the attached draft outline and approach for the NIPS and has asked me to coordinate, monitor, and organize the inputs in the draft outline format.

2. As a result of the above decision, I am transmitting the attached outline to the above addressess, all of whom are involved in the NIPS and we shall have an informal meeting to discuss the input tasking to date and its orientation in this approach, plus expansion of each of the attachment outlines.

3. I am also inviting [] and his colleagues from NRO to this meeting in view of their key role in the NIPS. We shall meet in Room 6E0708 at the CIA Headquarters Building, on Tuesday, 11 March 1975 at 10 o'clock.

[]
IC Staff NIPS Coordinator

cc:

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